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SUBJECT: AMB YOUNG INTERVIEW IN "MIDDLE EAST" MAGAZINE

REF: BEIRUT 2935

1. BEIRUT PAPERS MAY 28 PUBLISHED STATEMENT BY FORMER MINISTER MALEK SALAM (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER SAEB SALAM) CRITICIZING AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S INTERVIEW WITH "MIDDLE EAST" MAGAZINE. SALAM REPORTEDLY DEMANDED "OFFICIAL DENOUNCEMENT AND PROTEST TO WASHINGTON" BY GOL, AS WELL AS DENIAL BY LEBANESE (CHRISTIAN) FRONT THAT THEY DO NOT WANT ISRAELIS TO WITHDRAW FROM SOUTH LEBANON. SALAM ALSO QUOTED AS HAVING SAID "SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 DOES NOT APPLY TO LEBANON'S OCCUPIED LANDS."

2. NEWSPAPERS OF MAY 29 REPORTED THAT LEBANESE PARLIAMENT MEMBER DR. ALI AL KHALIL DEMANDED THAT GOL "OBTAIN OFFICIAL CLARIFICATION FROM U.S. ADMINISTRATION" OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENTS. AL KHALIL ALSO DEMANDED THAT LEBANESE GOVERNMENT "ANNOUNCE ITS OWN STAND VIS-A-VIS YOUNG STATEMENTS AND REFUSE HIS CLAIMS IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY INTERNATIONAL MISUNDERSTANDING OR ANY EXPLOITATION BY INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE REGION."

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